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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOME DIVISION OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, ROME DIVISION

| IN RE: |) | 1 m |
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| TRI-STATE CREMATORY |) | 3 Spoken |
| LITIGATION. |) | MDL Docket No. 1467 |

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO ADD FRANCES A. WINGFIELD D/B/A WINGFIELD FUNERAL HOME AS A DEFENDANT

The Plaintiffs request and move this Honorable Court to add Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home as a Defendant in this class action. Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home was a defendant in the related litigation pending in the Superior Court of Whitfield County, specifically *Partin, et al. v. Tri-State Crematory, et al.*, Civil Action File No. 85,287-M ("*Partin*"). The Plaintiffs in that action, as well as Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home, filed a joint motion seeking transfer of Defendant Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home to this litigation. Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home consents to joining this case as an individually named funeral home in this certified Plaintiffs' class action as defined by this Court. The *Partin* Superior Court Order granting the joint motion to transfer is attached as Exhibit A to this motion.

The addition of Defendant Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home as a Defendant to this action will aid in the settlement of Plaintiffs' claims asserted against this Defendant. Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral

Home acquiesces in this motion. To assist the Court, draft Order is attached as Exhibit B to this motion.

Accordingly, the Plaintiffs respectfully request and move that the Court add Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home as a Defendant to this class action.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WHITFIELD COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

KAREN PARTIN and ZOE TYSON, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

Civil Action No. 85,287-M

CREMATORY DEFENDANTS:

TRI-STATE CREMATORY,
RAY BRENT MARSH, CLARA MARSH,
RAY MARSH, SR. (Deceased),
RHAMES LASHEA MARSH,
individually and d/b/a TRI-STATE
CREMATORY, and TRI-STATE
CREMATORY, INC.

FUNERAL HOME DEFENDANTS and FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS:

ALVIS MILLER & SON FUNERAL HOME, INC. and DIRECTOR-STEPHEN MILLER; COCHRAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC. and DIRECTOR-STEPHEN COCHRAN; COLLINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. and DIRECTORS- HARTLEY GRAY, HOWARD COOK, DENNIS REEVES. JAMES SOUTHERLAND; FINCH FUNERAL HOME and DIRECTOR-TREVOR WILSON, MAX COCHRAN; HAY-GANTT FUNERAL HOME, INC. and DIRECTOR- HOWARD GRANT; HELTON MORTUARY and DIRECTOR-ERNEST SMITH; HENRY-COCHRAN FUNERAL HOME and DIRECTORS-MAX COCHRAN, STEPHEN COCHRAN; * JEFF EBERHART FUNERAL HOME, NC. and DIRECTOR- JEFFREY EBERHART; LOGAN FUNERAL HOME * and DIRECTOR- JERRY BRYAN HENSLEY; LYNN'S FUNERAL HOME and DIRECTOR- BILLY MACK MONTGOMERY, DOUGLAS FAIN

SANDERS; MASON FUNERAL HOME, INC. and DIRECTOR- HENRY MASON; MAX RAY BRANNON, JAMES F. CARVER; PONDERS FUNERAL HOME and DIRECTORS- STONEWALL PONDERS, JERRY BRYAN HENSLEY; WINGFIELD FUNERAL HOME and DIRECTOR- FRANCES A. WINGFIELD; WRIGHT MEMORIAL MORTUARY, INC. and DIRECTOR- JOE WRIGHT, and others yet unnamed.

Defendants.

<u>ORDER</u>

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Motion to Transfer the Claims against Defendant Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home to Pending Class Action. The federal class action at issues *In Re: Tri-State Crematory Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1467, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Rome Division. According to the parties, this transfer will aid in settlement of Plaintiffs' claims asserted against this Defendant.

Pursuant to this motion, the Court grants the Joint Motion to Transfer Claims against

Defendant Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home to Pending Federal Class

Action. Defendant Frances A. Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home is hereby dismissed

from this case and any future pleadings. Specifically, the case style will reflect that Frances A.

Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home is not longer a party to this action.

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| IT IS SO ORDERED this the | day of | , 2004. |
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| | Honorably Cindy Morris, Judge | |

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this date served upon counsel in the abovecaptioned lawsuit a copy of the foregoing Plaintiffs' Motion to Add Frances A.

Wingfield d/b/a Wingfield Funeral Home as a Defendant by depositing same in

the United States Mail with proper postage affixed thereon and addressed to:

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